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Also enclosed is a copy of an European Search Report issued in the corresponding foreign application.

FR 2 450 597 discloses an endoscopic apparatus for harvesting samples from a human subject.

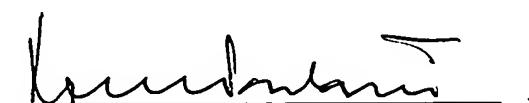
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